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**Re: Monthly Progress Report for August 2010, North Bronson Industrial Area Site
Operable Unit 1, Bronson, Michigan**

Dear Mr. Hahnenberg:

The North Bronson Potentially Responsible Parties Group (the Group) submits this monthly progress report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 5, pursuant to Article X, Paragraph 31, of the Consent Decree for Remedial Design and Remedial Action (RD/RA) of Operable Unit 1 at the North Bronson Industrial Area (NBIA) Site (the Consent Decree). This report summarizes efforts by the Group to fulfill the requirements of the Consent Decree during August 2010.

1. Activities Completed During This Reporting Period

- A. On August 5, 2010, O'Brien & Gere, Inc. (O'Brien & Gere), on behalf of the Group, submitted the *County Drain #30 Sediment and Soil Sampling Study Report* to USEPA with copies to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment (MDNRE).
- B. On August 9, 2010, the Group submitted the July 2010 monthly progress report to USEPA with copies to MDNRE.
- C. On August 11, 2010, O'Brien & Gere and its subcontractor Stearns Drilling, Inc. completed the proper abandonment of the two remaining residential wells scheduled for closure under the proposed City of Bronson groundwater use restriction ordinance.

- D. On August 13, 2010, O'Brien & Gere, on behalf of the Group, submitted the *Groundwater Delineation Study Report* to USEPA with copies to MDNRE.
- E. The Group prepared a Technical Memorandum to document the work conducted on its behalf to connect residences to the municipal water supply system and abandon private wells at locations affected by the proposed City of Bronson groundwater use restriction ordinance.

2. Results of Sampling and Tests and Other Data

- A. Complete data sets from the County Drain #30 sediment and soil sampling, including analytical laboratory and data validation reports, are included in the *County Drain #30 Sediment and Soil Sampling Study Report*.
- B. Complete data sets from the recent groundwater sampling, including analytical laboratory and data validation reports, are included in the *Groundwater Delineation Study Report*.
- C. The Group developed no other sampling or test data during the reporting period.

3. Work Plans, Procedures, and Deliverables

- A. The Group submitted the *County Drain #30 Sediment and Soil Sampling Study Report* (August 5, 2010) and the *Groundwater Delineation Study Report* (August 13, 2010).
- B. On August 11, 2010, O'Brien & Gere and its subcontractor Stearns Drilling, Inc. completed the proper abandonment of the two remaining residential wells scheduled for closure under the proposed City of Bronson groundwater use restriction ordinance.
- C. The Technical Memorandum regarding the connection of residences to the municipal water supply system and abandonment private wells is being forwarded under separate cover. The proposed City groundwater use restriction ordinance is provided as an attachment to this Technical Memorandum.
- D. The Group submitted no other work plans, procedures, or deliverables during the reporting period.

4. Actions Projected for Next Six-Week Period

- A. The Group will respond to any comments received from USEPA regarding the recently submitted deliverables listed in Items 3.A above.
- B. Following USEPA approval of the *County Drain #30 Sediment and Soil Sampling Study Report*, the Group will develop a schedule for RD tasks related to enhanced source control at the Eastern and Western Lagoon Areas and County Drain #30 remediation for review and approval by USEPA.
- C. Following USEPA approval of the *Groundwater Delineation Study Report*, the Group will initiate discussions with landowners for the purpose to placing environmental restrictive covenants on potentially affected properties in Bronson Township.

5. Progress and Schedule Report

- A. The near-term project schedule depends on the timing of any comments from USEPA regarding the recently submitted deliverables listed in Item 3.A above.
- B. As discussed in our project review meeting of March 17, 2009 and subsequently, progress related to RD/RA for enhanced source control at the Eastern and Western Lagoon Areas and County Drain #30 remediation requires resolution of appropriate cleanup standards for sediments and soils.
- C. There are currently no other unresolved issues that affect the performance or timing of pre-design or RD activities.

6. Summary of Proposed or Approved Changes to the Work Plans or Schedules

- A. The Group proposed no changes to approved work plans or schedules during the August 2010 reporting period.

7. Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan

- A. Group representatives communicated as needed with affected residents regarding private well closures.
- B. The Group undertook no formal activities in support of the Community Relations Plan during the August 2010 reporting period.

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We trust that this submittal satisfies your requirements at this time. If you have questions regarding this monthly progress report or related project matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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